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Title: Need to take corrective measures for preventing train accidents and ensuring safety of passengers particularly on Konkan Railways- Laid.

*SHRI T. GOVINDAN (KASARGOD) : Rail accidents like derailment etc. are happening almost daily resulting in heavy casualties. Further, the victims are not being compensated adequately for a long time. The claims of the victims of "Kadalundi" train accident in 2001 have not yet been compensated. In Konkan railway cancellation of trains in which the passengers reserved their tickets well before 60 days due to the heavy rush on summer holiday are unable to travel due to sudden cancellation of the trains. Further, landslides is also common in Konkan route, as a result the passengers cannot expect when they would reach their destination. No remedial measures could be taken even though it is happening for the last several years, especially during Monsoon Season. Poor maintenance of trains is also one of the reasons for such accidents.

The service conditions of the railways are deteriorating. As far as safety is concerned one cannot guarantee safe journey. Even the railway should ensure safety of passengers from terrorists activities. Railway should have the system to hear and consider the suggestions of the passengers and experts so as to improve the railway system for the benefit of the people.

I request the Railway Minister to seriously consider the ways for making the railway journey safe and take remedial measures for the various problems being faced by the train passengers immediately.

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